Census data of 1991 on Mother Tongue

1133. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Survey of the Mother Tongue on the basis of Census Data on 1991 have been completed;

(b) by when this survey report will come out;

(c) what is the number of mother tongues in our country; and

(d) which is the largest and which is the smallest mother tongue in terms of the number of speakers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The survey of the mother-tongues on the basis of census data is in progress.

(b) The report will be prepared and published after completion of the survey.

(c) 1623 mother tongues were returned at the time of 1981 Census. 1991 Census data are under compilation.

(d) According to the published 1981 Census data, Hindi had the largest number of speakers and Sanskrit had the smallest number of speakers.

Sanskrit speaking persons

1134. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons according to the 1991 census who have mentioned their mother tongue as Sanskrit;

(b) whether Sanskrit speaking people in our country constitute a Linguistic Minority as envisaged in our Constitution;

(c) whether the Sanskrit institutions in our country get the status of minority institutions; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) The 1991 census data on mother tongue is under compilation. A such number of persons who returned Sanskrit as their mother tongue at the 1991 census is not available.

(b) to (d) Article 29 of the Constitution entitles "Any section of the citizens residing in the territory of India or any part thereof having a distinct language, script or culture of its own shall have the right to conserve the same". Linguistic minorities population including Sanskrit are provided constitutional safeguards under the provisions of Articles 30,347,350, 350-A and 350-B of the Constitutions.

Atrocities on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

1135. SHRI M.A. BABY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

a) what is the State-wise number of people killed and injured in atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the last three years; and

(b) the State-wise breakup and details of the atrocities committed on women during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) A statement showing State-wise number of persons killed and injured (Grievously hurt) in atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the years 1991, 1992 and 1993 is given as Annexure. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 24.]

Creation of new Cadre of Militants by Pakistan ISI

1136. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any plot by Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence to create a new cadre of militants by recruiting Sikhs, hac been unearthed in Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The reports available with the Government indicate that Pakistani-based Sikh extremist leaders